

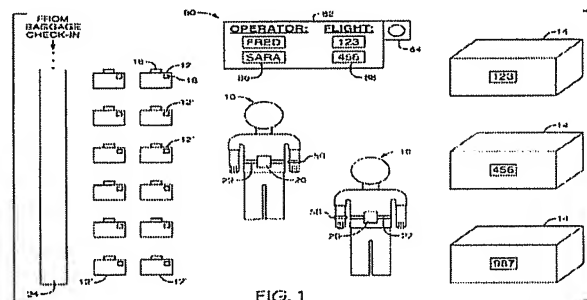
REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 13-20 are new. No new matter is added by the amendments.

The Office Action objects to claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended which should obviate this objection. The Office Action rejects claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 12 has been amended to obviate this rejection.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,842,121 to Tuttle. Claims 1-10 include the feature of providing the article with a tag at a time of manufacture of the article, where the tag has information associated with the article. Claims 11-12 and newly added claims 13-15 include the feature of generating an output signal that is a tactile signal. Newly added claims 16-20 include the feature of designating one of a plurality of output signals of the wearable tag reader for the information communicated during the reading, where the designating is performed by the wearer of the wearable tag reader. Tuttle fails to disclose or suggest these features of claims 1-20.

Tuttle describes a baggage handling system using RFID tags 16 that are attached to suitcases 12 by the check-in personnel at the ticketing counter and RFID interrogators 20 that are worn around the waist of the baggage handlers 10, as shown in FIG. 1:



The information provided at the ticketing counter is flight information to ensure that the suitcases arrive at their destination for that particular flight. Thus, Tuttle does not

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disclose or suggest the feature of claims 1-10 of providing the article with a tag at a time of manufacture of the article, where the tag has information associated with the article. Tuttle also fails to disclose or suggest the feature of Claims 11-12 and newly added claims 13-15 of generating an output signal that is a tactile signal. The itinerary information is conveyed to the baggage handler by the RFID interrogators 20 visually or aurally. (Tuttle col. 3, lines 26-28). The number of flights and the number of different sets of itinerary information renders a tactile signal impractical for the Tuttle system. Tuttle further fails to disclose or suggest the feature of newly added claims 16-20 of designating one of a plurality of output signals of the wearable tag reader for the information communicated during the reading, where the designating is performed by the wearer of the wearable tag reader. Tuttle describes the use of city or destination codes pre-programmed into the system. (Tuttle col. 3, lines 31-46).

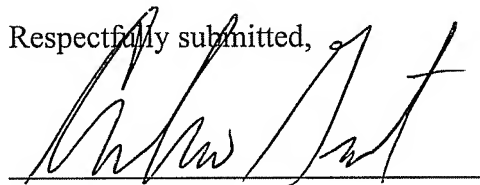
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the specification, the drawings and all claims presented in this application are currently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

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